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Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, February 5, 2012
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

In these last Sundays of the Epiphany season, the congregation focuses on the special mission that Jesus has given his church of making disciples of all nations. The special focus of our annual Mission Festival this year is the work that our church body does to help those who are in physical need both in the United States and around the world. The WELS Christian Aid and Relief has used the generous offerings of Wisconsin Synod members to help flood and earthquakes victims in Japan and Haiti, families with special medical concerns, and congregations that met some special disaster. By caring for people's physical needs, the Lord Jesus has given us an opportunity to care for their more desperate spiritual needs, to proclaim to them the forgiveness of sins that is found in Jesus alone. We see Jesus taking exactly the same approach in the appointed Gospel for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. He was tempted to make his ministry all about physical needs, but he kept the bigger picture in mind. The Healing Hand keeps his eye on the ball.



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Pastor Peter M. Prange



WELCOME

We welcome you this and every day to Jerusalem.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask an usher or other congregational member. We are here to serve you.

If you are a guest, please be sure to sign the **friendship register** found on the inside aisle of each pew. We hope you'll be willing to share your **phone number** or **email address** with us.

All guests are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion at Jerusalem.

Restrooms are located in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. Please note that we have a **wheelchair-accessible, family restroom** with a **changing table**.

We love to have **children** in worship. If they are crying, you are encouraged to make use of the **Jerusalem Room**, which is at the top of the left-hand stairs in the rear of the church. It's a good place for children to regain their composure and then rejoin us for worship.

ABOUT THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

In celebrating the season of Epiphany, we rejoice in the divine majesty of Christ, whose glory shines even when confronted with the cross. Epiphany not only discloses Jesus to the world but also calls forth Christians to be witnesses to the Savior's true light. The number of weeks after the Epiphany varies with the moveable feast of Easter. With the various lessons appointed for this season in the three-year cycle of readings, many themes emerge. So this season presents us with an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal.


The liturgical color for the Epiphanytide is white, representing the purity of our Lord Jesus, until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2. After February 2, the liturgical color becomes green, symbolizing the Christian's ongoing growth through a faithful use of God's Word and Sacrament.

The Preparation for Worship

We prepare ourselves to worship the one Savior God by expressing our humble repentance, offering our fervent prayers and singing our thankful hymns of praise.

Hymn Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

1. Lord of all nations, grace me grace to love all people, ev'ry race.
And in each person help me view my kindred, loved, redeemed by you.
2. Break down the wall that would divide your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbors' good let me pursue; Bind them to me and all to you.
3. Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.
4. Give me your courage, Lord, to speak whenever strong oppress the weak.
And should I be a victim, too, help me forgive, rememb'ring you.
5. With your own love may I be filled and by your Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, whate'er I do, may be divinely touched by you.

Confession of Sins (p. 26)	We confess to God that we have failed to live up to the perfect standards in his law, and we plead for his mercy.
Announcement of Forgiveness (p. 26)	The pastor announces the forgiveness of sins won for us by the perfect life and innocent sufferings and death of Jesus, our Savior.
Lord, Have Mercy (p. 27)	The Church brings her concerns and prayers to a loving Father in heaven, who has shown great mercy to us and promised to hear our ardent cries for help.
Prayer of the Day	M: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C:  Amen.

The Service of the Word

The Lord Jesus speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Lesson	<p>Job 7:1-7</p> <p>Does not man have hard service on earth? Are not his days like those of a hired man? Like a slave longing for the evening shadows, or a hired man waiting eagerly for his wages, so I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have been assigned to me. When I lie down I think, “How long before I get up?” The night drags on, and I toss till dawn. My body is clothed with worms and scabs, my skin is broken and festering. My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and they come to an end without hope. Remember, O God, that my life is but a breath; my eyes will never see happiness again.</p>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 122 (see page 5)
Second Lesson	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</p> <p>Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it. Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.</p>

Verse of the Day (p. 30)	In anticipation of hearing the Gospel, the congregation sings, “Alleluia!”
Holy Gospel	<p>Mark 1:29-39</p> <p>As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!” Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.</p>
Anthem (10:30 A.M.)	Day By Day (Jerusalem Choir)
Hymn of the Day	The Son of God, Our Christ (CW 525)
Sermon	The Healing Hand keeps his eye on the ball
The Nicene Creed (p. 31)	We confess the ancient and unchanging faith of the Church.
Offering & Prayers	

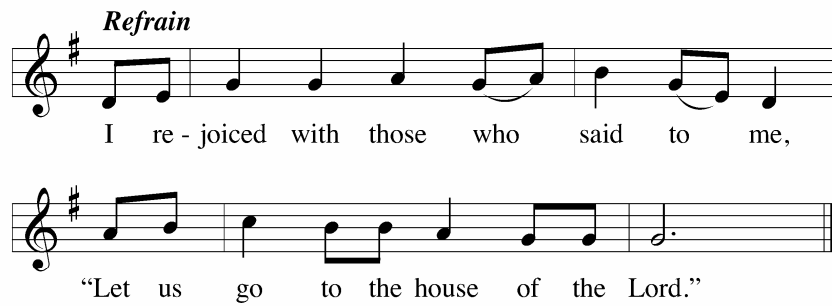
The Service of the Sacrament

The Lord Jesus gives us his own body and blood under bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins.

Service of the Sacrament (pp. 33-37)	In this service we celebrate the gift of Jesus’ redeeming love, we bear witness to the Christian fellowship we share, and we proclaim his death until he returns.
Distribution Hymn (10:30 A.M.)	Chief of Sinners Though I Be (CW 385)
Prayer and Blessing	
Closing Hymn	The Is a Balm in Gilead (CW 564)

Psalm 122

Refrain



I re - joiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm Tone



I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Our feet are standing in your gates,
O Jerusalem.

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May those who love you be secure.
May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels."

Refrain

For the sake of my brothers and friends,
I will say, "Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain